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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Nobuo Kimizuka *et al.*

Application No.: 10/524,079

Confirmation No.: 4214

Filed: October 31, 2005

Art Unit: 1796

For: MOLECULAR-ORIENTED POLYMER GEL  
AND CAST FILM WITH SELF-  
ORGANIZABLE AMPHIPHILIC COMPOUND  
AS TEMPLATE, AND THEIR PRODUCTION  
METHODS

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Examiner: Rachel Kahn

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed April 14, 2009 (Paper No. 20090408).

The Examiner has required restriction between the following inventions in the above-identified application:

Group I: claims 1-7 and 9, drawn to a polymer gel;

Group II: claims 10-17, drawn to a polymer cast film;

Group III: claims 18-19, drawn to a method of making a polymer gel; and

Group IV: claims 20-22 drawn to a method of making a polymer cast film.

**Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-7 and 9 for continued examination, with traverse.**

Applicants respectfully assert that a single search of pertinent prior art would appear to suffice for all aspects of the invention. Specifically, the various Groups appear to be so interrelated that a single examination would not appear to place a serious burden on the Examiner. Therefore, Applicant urges the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the restriction requirement.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn, and that all of the claims presently pending in this application be examined.

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Respectfully submitted,

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